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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide that encodes—a human \$1A sodium channel subunit protein, said polynucleotide comprising a sequence selected from a group consisting of:
  - (a) a polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO:14; or
- (b) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acids 150 to 268 of SEQ ID NO:14.
- 2. (Original) The polynucleotide of claim 1 wherein the polynucleotide is RNA.
- 3. (Original) The polynucleotide of claim 1 wherein the polynucleotide is DNA.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 1 having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:12 and SEQ ID NO:13.
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide is genomic DNA.
- 7. (Currently Amended) An expression vector for expression of a human \$1A sodium channel subunit protein in a recombinant host, wherein said vector contains containing a recombinant polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO:14.

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8. (Currently Amended) The expression vector of claim 7, wherein the expression vector contains a polynucleotide encoding a human \$1A sodium channel subunit protein and having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:12, and SEQ ID NO:13, allelic variants of SEQ ID NO:12 or 13, and functional derivatives of SEQ ID NOs:12 or 13.

## 9. (Canceled)

- 10. (Currently Amended) The expression vector of claim 7, wherein the expression vector contains genomic DNA encoding a human \$1A sodium channel subunit protein of SEQ ID NO:14.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A host cell containing a recombinant polynucleotide encoding a human \$1A sodium channel subunit protein of SEQ ID NO:14 or a functional derivative thereof.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide has a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:12, and SEQ ID NO:13.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide is genomic DNA.

## 14-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A process for expressing a human \$1A sodium channel subunit-protein in a host cell, comprising:

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- (a) introducing an expression vector encoding a human ### SIA sodium channel subunit protein, into a cell, wherein the vector comprises a nucleic acid sequence capable of hybridizing to a nucleotide sequence having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:12 or SEQ ID NO:13 polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO:14, or it's complementary sequence a polynucleotide whose sequence is complementary thereto, wherein the hybridization conditions comprise incubation in 50% formamide, 6% SSC, 1% SDS at 42 C for 12-19 hours, washing in at least two successive washes at 22 C, followed by stringent washes at 65 C in a buffer of 0.04M sodium phosphate, pH 7.2, 1% SDS and lmM EDTA;
- (b) culturing the cell of step (a) under conditions which allow expression of a protein encoded by the expression vector, or by the complement thereto.

18 - 34. (Canceled)